

September 2008
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

DPS/Highway Patrol Division
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Overview

As if the month of August 08 wasn't great, this month of September 2008 proved that the statistics and hard work of our troopers and staff wasn't just an anomaly. Again with traffic enforcement numbers the two that seem to shine are hazardous moving and seatbelt enforcement. Certainly the two areas that have an impact on crashes and occupant protection.

During this month, hazardous moving violations were up 46% as compared to last year. In addition, there was a 22% increase in seatbelt violations as compared to last year as well. Another area that needs recognition was the total DUI arrests. Trooper arrested 147 drunk drivers and increased the numbers from last year by 27%. Certainly, there could have been many lives saved with each arrest and driver taken off the highways.

Total crashes were down by 15% with most notable were property damage crashes by 18%. The Northern Command Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) handled 4 fatality crashes within the region. Last year we handled 7 and last month 5. These total crashes are surprising as there were several major events within the region.

The two major events with the Northern Command were the Burning Man and Street Vibrations. Both events brought nearly 250,000 visitors and locals to the effected areas. While both contained crucial traffic concerns, the Street Vibrations event was the top. During this event, there are nearly 3 days where motorcycle traffic is at a constant level of either enforcement, motor assist or crash. Unfortunately this required management to add additional patrols and cancel certain days off for troopers to cover. In addition, there was a great concern that outlaw motorcycle clubs participating in this event that may cause civil unrest and violence. Therefore, it was necessary for the command to also extra staff for public protection and traffic management.

Finally, the month of September again proved to be very successful in traffic enforcement and crash reduction. The men and women of this command are to be again commended for their extra diligence and participation in making our mission statement.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Sept 08	Sept 07	% Change	Aug 08	% Change
Total Crashes	319	378	-15.6%	325	-1.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	202	248	-18.5%	224	-9.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	113	123	-8.1%	96	17.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	7	-42.9%	5	-20.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	21	23	-8.7%	19	10.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5	9	-44.4%	5	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	3	-66.7%	3	-66.7%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15	21	-28.6%	18	-16.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	19	-47.4%	12	-16.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	5	-20.0%	6	-33.3%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.25 %
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.58%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 40.0 %
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.70%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Sept 08		Sept 07	% Change		Aug 08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	21		23	-8.7%		19	10.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	147		115	27.8%		155	-5.2%
Other Arrests	687		634	8.4%		735	-6.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	275		262	5.0%		317	-13.2%
Speed violations	3334		2982	11.8%		3375	-1.2%
Hazardous moving violations	1121		768	46.0%		1280	-12.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	546		447	22.1%		584	-6.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	8935		7193	24.2%		9641	-7.3%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	47		32	46.9%		55	-14.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	59		22	168.2%		35	68.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	940		850	10.6%		714	31.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only			1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	485		345	40.6%		468	3.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2481		2660	-6.7%		2526	-1.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	103		124	-16.9%		121	-14.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	121		123	-1.6%		101	19.8%
Total school buses inspected	58		55	5.5%		176	-17600.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		17	-1700.0%		15	-1500.0%
Total trucks weighed	1180		189	524.3%		126	-12600.0%
Total overweight citations	30		34	-11.8%		39	-3900.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	397		485	-18.1%		365	8.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		2	-200.0%		2	-200.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Sept 2008		Sept 2007	% Change		Aug 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
*Radio Transmissions from Console	325694		307058	6.1%		364631	-10.7%
CAD Incidents	20154		17302	16.5%		18607	8.3%
*Telephone Calls	19113		20273	-5.7%		23721	-19.4%
CAD Logs	183254		129588	41.4%		178218	2.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	453		365	+24.1%		261	+73.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	324		256	+26.5%		286	+13.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		13	-30.7%		45	-80.0%
Office Accident Reports Taken	12		16	-25.0%		10	+20.0%
Citations Processed	5135		4711	+9.0%		5791	-11.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1		0	+100%		0	+100.0%
Visitors at Counter	171		N/A	N/A		66	+159.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$1,021.50		\$823.50	+24.0%		\$686.50	+48.8%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	713		940	-24.1%		856	-16.7%
Warrants Entered	391		783	-50.1%		248	57.7%
Warrants Cleared	516		609	-15.3%		524	-1.5%
Warrants Validated	23		1272	-98.2%		200	-88.5%
Extradition / Transports	26		25	4.0%		16	62.5%
EVIDENCE							
New NHP Cases Submitted	55		58	-5%		37	+49%
New NHP Items Submitted	105		131	-20%		115	-9%
Items Disposed	261		5	+5120%		6	+4250%

*The radio and phone tallies are not accurate as the recorder had a failure for 11 days.

EVIDENCE

- Parole and Probation submitted 9 new cases and had 15 new items submitted.
- Division of Investigation was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.
- Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0% of case submissions

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.14 %
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Six (6) Contracts using 1308.25 hours, billed in the amount of \$82,224.17

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
275	4	7	0	45

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
68	201	6	7	2	5

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

Trooper Allen was away most of the month of September however, several events were coordinated and staffed during his absence.

- Troopers participated in the fourth and final wave of the “Teen Click it or Ticket” event during the middle of the month. Nevada, along with the state of Colorado, were chosen by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to participate in this program concentrating on seat belt awareness and education to our younger drivers and passengers. Between the public service announcements and other earned media, northern Nevada received plenty of media coverage for this event. To add to this educational and enforcement wave, the Seat Belt Convincer trailer was taken to three separate events during the month; twice to area high schools and once to the annual kids safety fair at the National Automobile Museum in Reno. Hundreds of students and parents had the opportunity to experience a slow speed collision on this trailer to emphasize, or convince, those to buckle up.
- Participated in a number of other events in northern Nevada to include a Safety Fair at Costco in Reno, the Nevada Humane Society fundraiser, and the event “Big Dig” where youngsters had the opportunity to see a DPS/Highway Patrol cruiser up close along with other vehicles at Granite Construction’s annual event.
- One of the big events that comes to Reno is the annual “Street Vibrations” motorcycle event held during the last week in September. A number of proactive news stories underlining traffic safety were completed prior to and during the five-day event. With that being said, we did not have a single fatality crash during this event. Lastly, we are still continuing to provide six (6) traffic reports each weekday morning on the NBC affiliate KRVV, Channel 4 in Reno.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of eighteen (18) missions during the month of September for a total of 61.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
10	36.7	59	Speed Enforcement
3	13.0	21	Prisoner Transport
2	5.1	8	Line Patrol
1	4.1	7	Personnel Transport
1	1.8	3	Out of State Prisoner Extradition
1	1.1	2	Property Transport

On September 9th, the plane was flown to Mather Field in Sacramento, CA to extradite Joseph Englund to Elko. Mr. Englund had a \$2800.00 warrant for felony DUI.

The aircraft was airborne 4.6 hours on the 27th during Rolling Thunder monitoring traffic between Reno, Virginia City and Carson City.

Twelve (12) speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; ten (10) were flown. One (1) was cancelled due to a lack of manpower and one was cancelled due to a shift change. Following is a breakdown of activities:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	428
Hazardous	21
Non-Hazardous	53
Seat belt	2

During the course of enforcement and line patrol, 9 motorist assists were located. Additionally, one (1) felony warrant arrest was made, one misdemeanor warrant arrest was made and one person was arrested for speeding, failure to yield to emergency vehicle and revoked DL. There was one (1) vehicle impound.

The high speed for the month occurred at Wadsworth on the 23rd; a motorcycle was clocked at 106 mph.

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